

Remarks/Arguments

Initially, the Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his early indication of allowable subject matter. Presently, claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Patent claims 1 and 2 are allowed. Claims 4 and 6 are objected to as to form and claims 3-15 are objected to under 35 U.S.C. §112 for being indefinite. As reflected in the claims listing beginning on page 3 of this Reply and in the claims listing in Appendix A, claims 3-6, 8-9, 11-12 and 15 have been amended. For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claims 4, removing the improper dependencies and has amended claim 6 to be properly dependent on claims 5. Also, Applicant has amended claims 3-6, 8-9, 11-12 and 15 to have proper antecedent basis form. Applicant amended claim 9, to remove unascertainable elements from the claim. Applicant amended claim 12 to claim an apparatus and not an apparatus and method. Last, Applicant did not amend claims 7, 10, and 13-14, which Examiner rejected. Applicant posits, however, that claims 7, 10, and 13-14 are dependent on claims 6, 9, and 12, respectively, and therefore do require further amendments, as claims 6, 9 and 12 have been amended, as stated above.

Finally, Applicant has amended the written description so as to avoid using the word 'said' and to refer to Figures 7b and 7c in the brief description of the drawings.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that, in view of the foregoing amendments to both the claims and the written description, the Examiner pass the application to issuance.

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Appendix A

Clean Version of Claims